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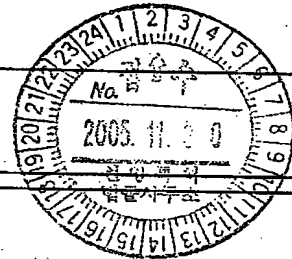
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

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1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-18	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-18	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-18	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 6349731 A

D2: US 6427984 A

The present invention relates to a blower cover assembly of a dishwasher including an attaching cap contacting a door liner, a guide sleeve extending frontward from the attaching cap, and a guide rib formed on an inner circumference to guide flow of washing water.

D1 discloses a water inlet system for a dishwasher including a louvered cap which is positioned on the inside of a tub and a flange which passes through the opening. The flange has a plurality of cam lock tabs for engaging the periphery of the outlet opening in the housing such that the tub side wall is captured between the louvered cap and the housing.

D2 discloses an evaporative humidifier including a base removably supporting a water tray for holding a quantity of water, inlet grilles, and a plurality of substantially horizontally extending slots extending therethrough. An air exhaust outlet is formed within the top wall and includes a grille defining a plurality of slots. Air inlets and the air exhaust outlet provide communication to an evaporative air flow path.

Novelty

None of the prior documents D1 and D2 disclose the blower cover assembly of a dishwasher as set forth in the present claims 1-18. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-18 is considered to be novel under PCT Article 33(2).

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Inventive Step

The blower cover assembly of claims 1-18 which includes an attaching cap contacting a door liner, a guide sleeve, and a guide rib formed on an inner circumference can be readily arrived at by a combination of D1 and D2 which include a louvered cap, a flange, a plurality of cam lock tabs, a water tray, inlet grilles, and slots. Accordingly, the subject matter of claims 1-18 does not involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

Industrial Applicability

Claims 1-18 are considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).

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